

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 896

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Wendy Mallette for
earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this Nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of fourteen and seventeen can attain is the Gold Award, and Wendy Mallette, after considerable effort and assiduous preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Wendy's notable record of achievement as a member of Girl Scout Troop 789 includes many patches and a history of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, to receive the Gold Award, Girls Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Senior Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to combine her leadership skills, career interests, and personal values in order to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, for her Gold Award Project, Ms. Mallette exhibited all of the finest qualities of volunteerism and service to others by organizing a children's activity booth at the Foothills Fall Festival which was used to teach youth about fair trade, international cultures, and the

immense effort and skill required of artisans to create crafts; this admirable endeavor required her to coordinate a team of sixteen volunteers to provide children with the opportunity to make and read about the history of various crafts, play African percussion instruments, color multicultural-themed coloring pages, and complete a fair trade activity book; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Mallette, an excellent student and a senior at Maryville High School, has also participated in many of her school's activities and her community's affairs; she has been a member of several extracurricular academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Maryville High School Scholars, the National Honor Society, Amnesty International, the school band, and the Blount County 4-H Horse Club; her remarkable accomplishments have earned her recognition from *The Daily Times* Academic Letters; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her devout religious faith as an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, for which she has served as Youth Hand Chime and Choir Director and as a member of the youth group; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mallette's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Chris and Laura Mallette; her siblings, Carol, Chris, Megan, Jason, and Stacy Mallette; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Wendy Mallette as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Wendy Mallette for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.